

# Grace Notes

January 19, 2020

## Mission Statement

*To draw people to Christ,  
nourish their spirits, and  
prepare them for service to God,  
the Church, and the world.*

### OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

#### Sunday, January 19

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Prospective Member Class
- 9:30 am Fellowship Time
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Cinderella's Closet Dress Rental Fundraiser

**Family Worship BLAST Will Not Meet**

#### Monday, January 20

**Church Office Closed**

- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 7:15 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, January 21

- 10:00 am Le Leche League
- 6:30 pm Administrative Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 22

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Gentle Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm Boot Camp
- 6:00 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, January 23

- 12:00 pm Welcome Table

#### Friday, January 24

- 1:00 pm Staff Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- Gracelettes 2020 Getaway Begins

#### Saturday, January 25

- 9:00 am Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal/Music Suite

#### Sunday, January 26

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Fellowship Time
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Family Worship BLAST
- 5:15 pm Mustard Seed Nursery Time (ages 2-3)
- Powerful Play (PreK-grade 2)
- Sonshine Singers (grades 3-5)
- Compassion Bible Study, Grace 3:16 (grades 10-12)
- Compassion Bible Study, (grades 6-9)
- 5:45 pm Compassion Bible Study (age 3-grade 5)
- Solid Rock Singers (grades 6-9)
- Youth Hot Topics (grades 10-12)

### New Adult Bible Study

This new 4-session study of I John will be offered at two different times:

- Tuesdays, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11 & 18, at 10:00 am
- Thursdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13 & 20, at 6:00 pm

The classes will meet in the Bible Class Room.

You are invited to come learn the history behind the writing of I John and to interpret it for today's world. Pastor Tal will lead the study.

### Church Office Closed

The Grace Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. It will re-open on Tuesday, January 21, 8:30 am.

### Prayer Requests

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Alex	George Lyndon
Barney Barnhardt	Jessica Martin
Julie Best	Raelyne Michel
Alan Biddle	Mike O'Brien
Brice Borowicz	Ms. P
Connie Caulder	Jim Pasquarette
Child in Christmas Eve accident	Tom Pasquale
Bruce Celeto	Larry Phipps
Doug Cox	Noah Roberts
Jim & Dale Cromartie	Barbara Robertson
Zach DeForge	Carlson & Uta Rowe
Davia DiGiuseppe	Fern Schussler
Patricia DiGiuseppe	Priscilla Shirer
Mary Ginocchio	Jonathan Sloan
Catherine Leigh Gold	Cozette Southerland
Ron Hickmon	Robert Swilley
Janice	Donna Tripp
Melia Jefferies	Pete Williams
Eddie Jones	Rich Van Gorder
Charlie Leighton	Caroline Vincent
Mark Lester	

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

- Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA
- LCpl. John Capwell, USMC
- Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC
- Maj. Tim Collins, USMC
- Col. John Delaney, USA
- E2 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN
- E5 William Chase Dubel, USA
- WO3 Jonathan Finch, USA Reserve
- E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF
- E3 Taylor Folmar, USN
- Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC
- Capt. Jason T. Hill, USAF
- Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC
- SFC Letty Long, USA
- SFC Woodrow Long, USA
- Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
- CDR Nicholas Madren, USN
- PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
- SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
- Pvt. Steven Patterson
- LCDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
- Lt. Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
- Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
- AB Michael Sloan, USAF
- Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
- Michael Tate, USA
- E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

**Starting December 30, while Pastor Patricia is on medical leave, please direct prayer requests to Sandy Smith at:**

**sandysmithgrace@gmail.com** In order to keep the prayer list current, names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks and then removed, unless you instruct us otherwise.

### Sanctuary Rededication Service

Sunday, January 26, 8:30 & 11:00 am

This will be a special day as we formally rejoice in the restoration of Grace's beautiful sanctuary and rededicate it to the Glory of God! There will be trumpet music at both 8:30 and 11:00, plus Grace Ringers and Chancel Choir at 11:00.

The Nurture Committee will provide a special Fellowship Time to enhance the celebration.

Please check the appropriate box or boxes and place in the offering plate.

- Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church.**
  - Need Grace UMC name tag(s).**
  - Change of address, phone number, or email.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Stewardship for 2020

February will be Stewardship Emphasis Month for Grace's 2020 Operating Budget, culminating in **New Consecration Sunday on February 23**. On this day, you will be invited to turn in your pledge for 2020.

You will be given your Estimate Of Giving Card during worship on that day. The cards ask that we share our intended giving calculated weekly. However, you are free to indicate on the card if you prefer to give monthly, quarterly, etc. Please be prepared to indicate this clearly on the card.

There will be a special fellowship meal after each worship service. You don't have to bring anything. Just come and enjoy fellowship with your Grace Family.

Our guest preacher for that day will be Rev Jim Bell. Jim is the Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Rocky Mount.

As this campaign draws near, we ask you to prayerfully consider what God is asking you to give to support His work through Grace UMC.

### Cinderella's Masquerade Ball Dress Rental Fundraiser

**Today, 5-7:30 pm**

Ladies from Grace (and friends from the community) can come and try on formal dresses from our closet to wear to Cinderella's Masquerade Ball on February 8th at Brooklyn Arts Center. Rental fee is \$10/dress and an agreement to dry clean the dress prior to returning it.

Tickets for the ball will also be on sale at this time. If you have questions, please contact Hope Inman or April Lester.

### UMW Sewing Day

On Tuesday, January 28, 2020, we will be having another Sewing Day in the Bullock Activity Center. We'll again be making dresses and boy's shorts.

Everyone is invited to come and help. Bring your sewing machine or come and cut fabric, coordinate fabric with trims, press finished garments, etc. Start time is 9:30 am to get some set-up done and then work until about 1:00 pm.

Donations are needed of bias tape for the arm holes and trim.

These dresses and shorts will be going with Kelly and the Grace Youth on their mission trip to Costa Rica this summer.



### *Cinderella's Closet Fundraiser*



### *A Masquerade Ball*

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Brooklyn Arts Center

DJ & Middle of the Isle Catering

Tickets will be on sale in the Welcome Center On Sunday, January 5, January 12, and January 19. The cost is \$85/couple or \$50/single. Credit cards accepted.

Invite your friends and neighbors for a fun night of dancing to raise money for this community outreach program.

### **Empty Bowls Returns on March 20, 2020!**

11 am – 1:30 pm

First Baptist Church Activities Center  
1939 Independence Blvd, Wilmington, NC  
(Overflow parking and shuttle will be available in the Independence Mall parking lot.)

This biannual event will celebrate 10 events in 20 years in 2020~can you believe it!?

We hope you'll join us for this wonderful day to support the work of Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and Good Shepherd Center. Tickets will be \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Tickets on sale now – visit EmptyBowlsILM.org

### Gracelettes Getaway 2020

The Gracelettes (young adult women) will be going on their annual retreat January 24-26, 2020. This year they will be headed to North Myrtle Beach.

The total cost for lodging is \$70 for two nights. Payment is due by Sunday, January 20, and can be given to Jennifer Rasmussen or placed in the offering plate on Sunday. Please make checks payable to Grace UMC in the amount of \$70 and note "Gracelettes Getaway" in the memo line.

If you would like to attend or have any questions please contact Jennifer Rasmussen at 910-538-9997 or jennifer.rasmussen123@gmail.

### Don't Keep It a Secret!

If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please share it with us! Send the changes to Marion Little - marion@gracedowntown.net  
Thanks!

## Happy New Year Everyone!

It's time for another Graceful Senior outing!  
Friday, February 28, 7:30 pm  
Opera House Theatre Group presents

### *The Sound of Music*

Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 2.

The cost will be \$32 per person. Please make your check payable to Grace UMC and put "Graceful Seniors Theatre" on the memo line. If paying with cash, please put it in an envelope with your name and "Graceful Seniors Theatre" written on the outside. **All monies are due by Monday, February 10.** You may place your payment in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Carole Ellis at [retiredteacher1943@gmail.com](mailto:retiredteacher1943@gmail.com) or 910-540-3643.

## New Women's Bible Study

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study is happy to announce that our own Kelley Ahlers will be presenting the new, 7-session Bible study.

### *Avodah Sheba-Lea:*

*The Many Parts of Our Conversations with God.*

Please join us starting Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 9:30 am -11:00 am. **New this session—we will have childcare at no cost to you.** Donations to Family Ministry or to the Church are always welcome.

Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Moms of young children: If you will need childcare, please contact Kelley ([Kelley@gracedowntown.net](mailto:Kelley@gracedowntown.net)) with child's name, age, any allergies and/or medical needs.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Linda Snider ([snidersnc@gmail.com](mailto:snidersnc@gmail.com)), or  
Linda Russ ([lindapruss@hotmail.com](mailto:lindapruss@hotmail.com)).

We're excited to expand our knowledge of our prayers to God. Come join us.

## *Kid's Prom*

**February 9, 5:00-6:30**  
**Children ages 3 and 11**

The Grace 3-16 Youth are hosting a Kid's Prom to thank and support our Cinderella's Closet Team. So many of our friends and classmates have been able to make their Prom Dreams come true because of this program.

Join us in the Grace gym for music, food, and fun. Wear your nicest outfit and dancing shoes. There is no ticket cost but donations to Cinderella's Closet will be accepted at the door.

Parents are invited to attend or check your kid's in and out at the entry table.

Mark your calendars now because this is going to be an evening to remember!



## Devotionals On-Line

Thanks to the work of Olivia Walsh, Graces Social Media Manager, weekly video devotionals by Pastor Tal are posted to Grace's Facebook mid-day on Tuesday.

These videos are 1-2 minutes in length and designed to turn our thoughts towards God in the middle of our busy lives.

Check them out at:  
[facebook.com/gumcwilmington](https://www.facebook.com/gumcwilmington)

## From the Grace Treasurer

If you are donating stock to Grace, please **do not** use the Wells Fargo brokerage. That account has been closed.

Please contact Debbie Ashe in the church office for new instructions for stock donations. Thanks.

## **Cinderella's Closet Prom Shopping Event Dates** **Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28**



Cinderella's Closet will host their fourth annual prom shopping event for high school girls in New Hanover county on Friday, March 27, 3-9pm and Saturday, March 28, 9-5pm. As you may notice, this is a change from the two Saturday events of previous years. Our hope is that by hosting the event on one full weekend, it will allow for more girls and volunteers to participate that aren't able to make it on Saturdays.

We are looking for women over the age of 18 to help at the events. Volunteers are needed for Fairy Godmothers, greeters, seamstresses (for very minor alterations!), and other helpers to make this event a success.

**Attention Men!** Your help is needed, too, for set up and clean up.

If you would like to volunteer and are not already on our mailing list as a volunteer, please contact Hope Inman at [hopedwalters@hotmail.com](mailto:hopedwalters@hotmail.com).

This event is not exclusive to Grace members, so if you know of anyone in the Wilmington community that would like to volunteer, please give them our information!



## LOOKING AHEAD AT GRACE

Sunday, February 2, 2020 - **UMW "Souper" Bowl Sunday!**

Saturday, February 8, 2020 - **Cinderella's Closet Fundraiser - *A Masquerade Ball*** at the Brooklyn Arts Center

Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 pm - **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

Friday, March 20, 11 am-1:30 p, - **Empty Bowls 2020** - See article for details.

Friday, March 27 & Saturday, March 28 - **Cinderella's Closet Prom Dress Shopping Event**

Sunday, April 5, 8:30 & 11:00 am - **Palm Sunday Worship Services**

Friday, April 10, 7:00 pm - **Good Friday Worship Service**

Sunday, April 12, 8:30 & 11:00 am - **Easter Sunday Worship Services**

Sunday, June 21—Thursday, June 25 - **Vacation Bible School 2020**

July 8-14, 2020 - **San Isidro, Costa Rica Mission Trip** - Watch coming *Grace Notes* for more details

Saturday, September 12, 8:30 am—2:45 pm - **Annual Chancel Choir Retreat**